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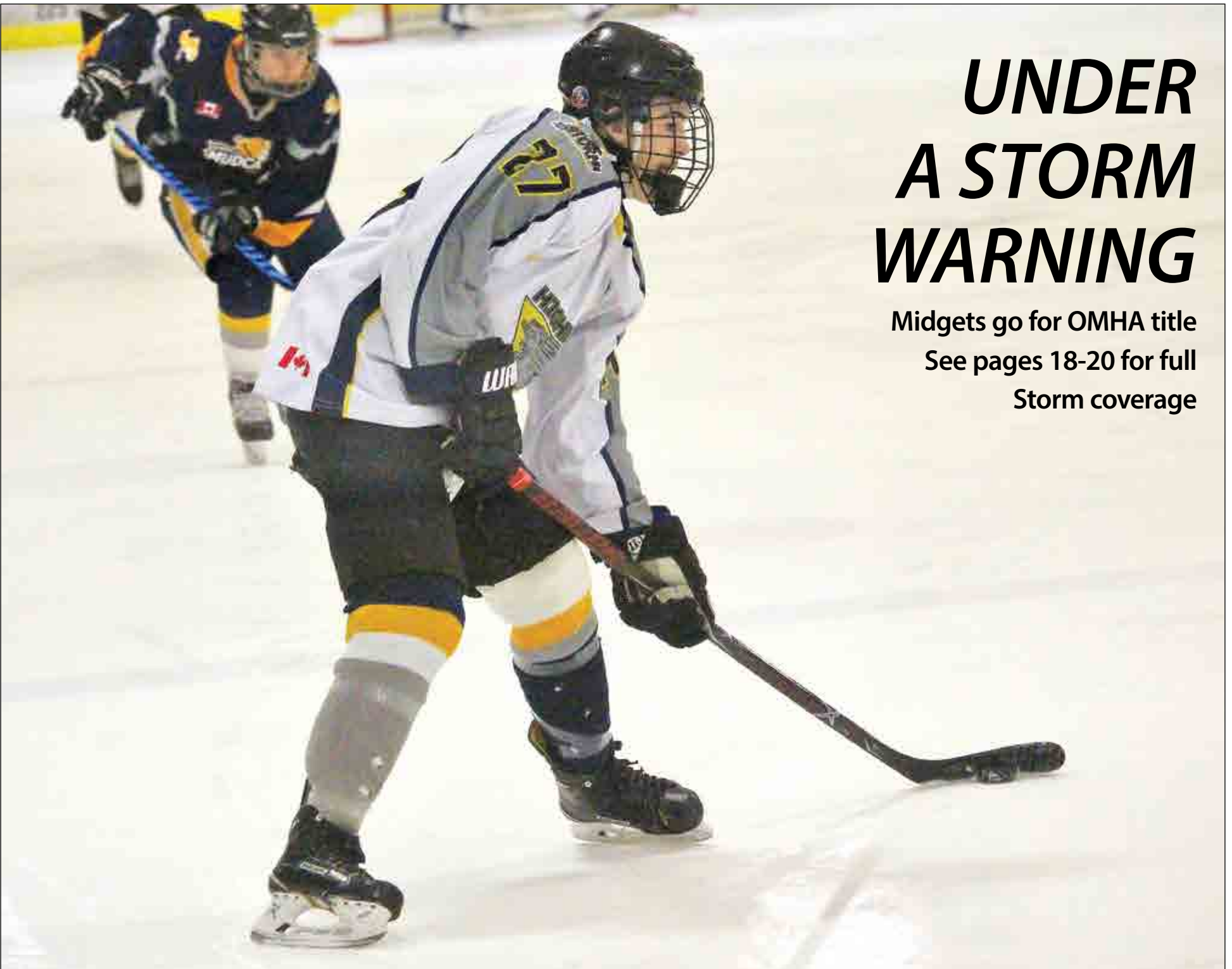
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Fall victim wasn't using safety equipment

Coroner's inquest into John Francis Smith's death continuing in Haliburton

By Mark Arike

A Haliburton man who died on a construction site wasn't using safety equipment when he fell more than 20 feet off a roof, according to his brother, Terry John Smith.

Terry was the first of six witnesses to testify at a coroner's inquest into the death of John Francis Smith. It began yesterday (March 21) at the Pinestone.

The brothers were working together when John fell at a remote cottage property on Percy Lake on July 31, 2013. He was 37.

Rebecca Griffin, counsel to inquest coroner Dr. Mary Beth Bourne, asked Terry several questions about what happened that day.

John, who was employed by Solid Ground Home Building for a couple of weeks,

asked Terry to help him.

"I told him to tie himself off because it was foggy and slippery," said Terry. But John didn't, "because we only had to do the peak [of the roof]. It wasn't that major."

When asked about safety equipment, Terry said his brother wasn't wearing a safety harness or hard hat. He was wearing running shoes instead of protective footwear.

"He bought protective shoes and they were still in the box on the first floor," recalled Terry.

Asked why his brother wasn't wearing them, he said it's easier to move around on the job site with running shoes.

"Work boots are too bulky," said Terry. He also wasn't wearing protective footwear or using fall protection equipment.

Terry said they knew about the safety

requirements but didn't follow them because it made the job more challenging.

"It's the way it was rigged up," said Terry. "You'd trip on the rope and had to go up too many ladders with plywood."

He admitted it wasn't uncommon to see other workers at job sites not wearing safety harnesses or lines.

Terry said his brother had construction experience and they had worked together in the past.

John also did odd jobs for seniors in the area, such as raking leaves.

He said John had taken fall and tie off at heights training, although he couldn't recall the exact name of the course.

Despite revival attempts, John died while being transported to the Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

After Terry's testimony, the five-member

jury heard from Jeff McColl, a construction health and safety inspector with the Ministry of Labour. He took photos of the site and ordered that it not be disturbed. He returned the following day and issued more orders.

A year later, on June 24, 2014, three charges were laid against Adam Cannon, the owner of the construction company. He was convicted for failing to ensure that measures and procedures prescribed by section 26.1 (2) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act were carried out in a workplace.

Cannon was fined \$5,000 plus a 25 per cent victim fine surcharge and a one-year probation order. The other counts were withdrawn. The inquest continues today. See next Thursday's *Highlander* for more coverage.

Hospital board member wins \$500

A Haliburton Highlands Health Services board member is \$500 richer thanks to the Cash for Care lottery. On March 16, one of Jeff Gollob's six tickets was pulled in the second early bird draw at the Haliburton hospital. Gollob is vice-chair of the executive committee.

At right: Hospital foundation chair Peter Oyler and executive director Lisa Tompkins spin the drum before drawing the winning ticket. (Photo by Mark Arike.)



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OPP briefs

Vehicle bursts into flames

A vehicle fire in Dysart March 14 sent emergency services to Gelert and Birch Narrows roads, and will send a Barrie man to court.

Shortly before 1 a.m., OPP and the Dysart fire department attended the scene where the vehicle was fully engulfed.

Through the course of investigation, police say they determined the driver of a Subaru Outback lost control trying to avoid a deer and went into the ditch. However, the driver was able to drive out of the ditch and continued a short distance on Gelert Road before the vehicle burst into flames. The lone male driver was able to free himself from the vehicle and no injuries were reported.

Christian McOuat, 23, of Barrie has been charged with Driving With Over 80 mg of Alcohol in Blood and Novice Driver - BAC above zero.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on May 2. He also received a 90-day driver's licence suspension and a seven-day vehicle impoundment.

Distracted driving campaign ends

The local OPP charged five drivers for using handheld devices while behind the wheel in their recently completed March Break campaign.

Officer throughout the local detachment area, and the province, were highly visible on roadways between March 12-18.

Province-wide, the OPP laid 631 distracted driving charges.

In a media release, they said said inattentive drivers were behind 83 road fatalities on OPP-patrolled roads in 2017. (OPP briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Highlander news

Highlands East lacks skilled labour, survey finds

By Mark Arike

The majority of business owners surveyed in Highlands East feel it's a great place to be, but finding skilled labour is a challenge.

These findings came out in a business retention and expansion survey, led by the municipality's business and economic development advisory committee over a two-year period. Joanne Vanier, community economic development and committee coordinator, presented the results to council earlier this month.

A total of 124 businesses were invited to participate but only 43 did. The majority are locally-owned and operated. Businesses have not been identified by name for privacy reasons.

Nearly 60 per cent of respondents expressed difficulty hiring.

"Almost half of employers have challenges with labour, rating the availability of qualified workers, stability of the workforce and ability to attract new employees as fair to poor," reads a report. "Hiring challenges were primarily related to recruitment (lack of skills, training and experience). Businesses responded that hiring challenges were specifically related to the community (80 per cent), as opposed to industry (20 per cent)."

Cecil Ryall, councillor and chair of the committee, said this is a significant hurdle.

"The biggest restriction, which equates to approximately 10 per cent of sales, is the fact they don't have enough qualified people to deliver what they already have," said Ryall, adding it's a common problem across Ontario.

But 66 per cent of businesses don't have trouble retaining employees. Of those that do, 40 per cent cited seasonal work as the main factor.

Another positive finding is that 80 per cent of businesses are planning to expand or maintain their business volume within the next 18 months. This will increase the workforce by 17 jobs, or three per cent of the total workforce. Seven out of 10 businesses plan to access government programs to expand.

Twenty per cent plan on downsizing, selling or closing. This is primarily due to

retirement.

"Approximately half of all businesses interviewed had a positive outlook on growth in their business due to increased real estate activity, community support, word of mouth advertising, and an increase in tourism."

Only 25 per cent of businesses have a business plan, which they've updated within the last three years.

Nearly 70 per cent of these businesses rate Highlands East as a "good to excellent place to do business and have held this opinion for three years." They are happy with changes in the building department, a supportive council and a new CAO. Positive factors in the community include more local work and/or repeat business, tourism and economic improvements.

Coun. Joan Barton was very pleased with the results.

"I was delighted when I read this ... because the news was better than what I was expecting," said Barton.

Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge said she wasn't surprised with any of the findings. As the owner of a landscaping company, she participated in the survey.

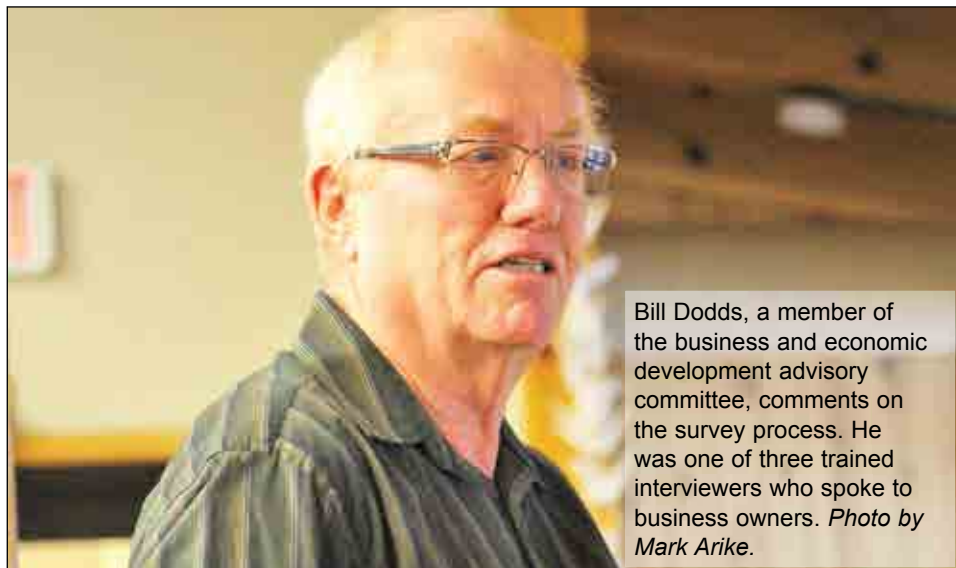
"It pretty much reflected everything I had said," said Partridge in an interview.

She will be closing her business this year due to the difficulty of finding employees and new provincial regulations in Bill 148.

The committee has recommended doing a tourism business retention and expansion survey in 2019. Their top priority is to improve the quality and availability of the workforce. Other goals include: growing the consumer base; creating a year-round, robust, sustainable business community, and building a culture of cooperation and local pride.

"They want to go ahead with pursuing these actions, a lot of which involve other groups," said Vanier.

Since the action plan has the municipality's name on it, CAO Shannon Hunter encouraged council to decide what the committee should be doing. Coun. Joan Barton suggested the committee provide a prioritized list to council, to which her colleagues agreed.



Bill Dodds, a member of the business and economic development advisory committee, comments on the survey process. He was one of three trained interviewers who spoke to business owners. Photo by Mark Arike.

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A groomer on the trails in February. Photo submitted

Bad season but keep faith: HCSA

By Mark Arike

Snowmobilers are feeling gypped because of a short winter with poor conditions for their favourite pastime.

And some have taken to social media to express their frustration.

"I won't be buying my [trail] pass here," said Greg Scollard in a post on the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's (HCSA) Facebook page.

"It's just ridiculously expensive for [an] uncertain winter," wrote Jerami Francis.

"Bought two brand new sleds this year ... still sitting in the trailer," said Terry Jackson.

These comments, along with many others, were generated when the HCSA posted about how trail permit funds are spent throughout the year. The volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization closed all 370 km of the trails it manages in the county at the end of February.

"It was so-so, very up and down," said HCSA director John Enright, while reflecting on the season. "Every time we got going, we got snookered by the weather with three major rainfalls and mild spells."

It was a "huge challenge that made for tough sledding," added Enright.

During a good winter, the association

spends 1,900-2,100 hours grooming the trails. This season they only clocked 750 hours.

"The hours tell the story," he said.

The best conditions all winter were during the Family Day weekend in February. Enright said the last three seasons have been challenging.

"We're at the mercy of the weather. We do what we can, the best we can, with what we've got."

A lack of snow also makes it difficult for their grooming equipment. Protruding rocks and stumps often get in the way. And building a trail system in the county isn't easy, explained Enright. The terrain varies from flat to hilly and 70 km of trails are water or lake crossings that must be staked. They also must rely on private landowners to grant them permission to place trails on their land without compensation.

"They are the unsung heroes," he said.

The HCSA has about 15 volunteers and employs a grooming team.

Despite the ire of some and tough winters, the HCSA has maintained a loyal following. They sold 2,168 permits, which is about the same as last year, said Enright. Permits cost \$150-\$270, depending on the type and time of year they are purchased.

Eighty per cent of the money goes to

mandatory expenses including groomer purchases, trail liability insurance, equipment maintenance, and trail preparation and infrastructure repairs. The rest is for variable expenses (dependent on snow) including trail grooming operations, unexpected groomer repairs and ongoing groomer maintenance.

Businesses, especially local restaurants, recently reported seeing fewer snowmobilers in their establishments.

Enright hopes snowmobilers who are thinking of calling it quits reconsider.

"If we get a good old-fashioned winter, we will deliver," he said, stressing that passionate volunteers make it possible.

"There's no financial gain for any us. We do it because we love it."

The HCSA is a member of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, which is a non-profit association that acts as the coordinating body for organized snowmobiling in the province.

The organization will host its 47th annual general meeting on May 5 at 10 a.m. It will take place at 171 Mallard Rd. in Haliburton's Industrial Park. Anyone interested in volunteering should email info@hcsa.ca.

* See what the public had to say in today's Eye on the Street on page 7

Cook It Up has a new chef

With the departure of Diane McKnight for a full-time job in Toronto, SIRCH has announced two new overseers for its Cook It Up program.

One is Jay McIvor, who has cooked in many fine restaurants in Haliburton County. He's currently with Camp Wanakita but has worked at Sir Sam's Inn, The Pinestone Resort, The Domain of Killien, and Lockhaven. He specializes in catering to special diets (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free). Because he's off for the month of April, he was able to join the team.

In addition, Judith Bamford recently moved back to Haliburton County to care of her father, and with a background as a food and beverage manager at Grandview Omeara, The Pinestone Inn and executive positions at Deerhurst, she'll be stepping in to coordinate the classroom training, menu development and program evaluation.

County gets age-friendly award

The County of Haliburton has been selected to receive a 2018 Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award. The award

has been established to celebrate the work of Ontario communities that are striving to become age-friendly and to showcase promising practices across the province. The award will be given at the inaugural Age-Friendly Community Symposium on March 26.

"Some great news for Haliburton County," said Angela Andrews, health promoter for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Some excellent work being done by the Aging Well Committee over the last few years is being recognized." (briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Businesses shine at chamber awards gala

By Mark Arike

Haliburton County business owners, staff and non-profits filled the Pinestone Resort's ballroom last Saturday to celebrate one another's success in 2017. More than 200 people attended the 12th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The awards were handed out after dinner, and a few jokes from emcee Mike Jaycock. The first recipient was McKecks Tap and Grill for Business Achievement.

Established in 1986 by former NHLer Walt McKechnie, McKecks has been a staple in the community.

"The core values, skills development, conduct, diligence, honesty, loyalty, communication, teamwork and opportunity ring true every day," said Jaycock, reading comments from the judges.

"McKecks is a local success story that is proud to be part of our great community."

Next up was Master's Bookstore, recipient of the Customer First (Business) award. Owner Kathy Stouffer received a standing ovation.

"For over 30 years, [the business] has provided exemplary customer service," said Jaycock.

"Master's Bookstore and Kathy are wonderful ambassadors for Haliburton."

The husband and wife team of Christoph Carl and Terri Mathews-Carl took home the Entrepreneur of the Year award for

their businesses, Rhubarb Restaurant and Boshkung Brewing Co. They were also recognized for recently starting up a clothing line that promotes kindness to combat bullying.

"The contributions [they] have collectively made to the Haliburton Highlands and beyond is immeasurable," said Jaycock.

The youngest winner was Morgan Burke for Young Professional of the Year. At just 15 years old, the local high school student began making items from the by-products of honey bees. Her business is known as The Birds and the Bees. Last November, she was named the staff pick for the best in customer service and display at Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Perhaps the most highly-anticipated award of the night was Highlander of the Year. Andy Campbell, executive director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), came out on top for his 30-plus years of commitment to the organization.

Campbell told *The Highlander* it meant a great deal to be recognized by the chamber—especially since they originally hired him to develop a plan to support local businesses. That's how HCDC was born.

"I'm really proud," he said. "I've seen so many Highlander of the Year [recipients] over the years. The people who have received them have earned them."

Campbell's retiring at the end of the month



Andy Campbell, executive director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, receives a round of applause after being named Highlander of the Year. Photo by Mark Arike.

Other winners were: Abbey Gardens for Innovation and Creativity, Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind for New Business, Point in Time for Not-for-Profit of the Year, ArborView for Skilled Trades and Industry, Cathy Mack of Sassy Digs for Customer First (Employee), Yours

Outdoors for Tourism and Hospitality, and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for Warden's Award.

A total of 130 nominations were submitted this year. A panel of judges chose the winners. (Turn to page 23 for more photos.)

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Cottage Life Show heralds spring

This past Tuesday officially marked the beginning of spring.

But for the realtors of Haliburton County, spring really starts today with the opening of the Spring Cottage Life Show at The International Centre in Mississauga. It runs until Sunday.

One local broker estimated that 90 per cent of her peers will attend this year. To say it's a really big deal is an understatement. Not only is it important to the industry, it's also crucial for the entire county.

It's a time for real estate agents and brokers to showcase and promote all of their client properties. For, as we all well know, spring is the busiest selling season here.

The realtors view the show as a great marketing tool, and a superb way to kick off the selling season.

Since the majority of their buyers don't live here, it's a wonderful avenue to meet with clients to say hello and to catch up on

what's happening in their lives.

One agent said she lets all of her clients know when she's at the show and they usually make a point to stop by her booth to say hello.

The added positive news is, it looks like there'll be more Haliburton listings this year, including residential, residential waterfront, cottages, and luxury listings.

At past shows, one agent told us she'd brought between 40-70 listings to advertise. However, with the change in the market last year, she only brought six. But, this year, she's bringing triple that number and quality listings too.

The show is also an opportunity for networking with other realtors from other areas.

It gives us a glimpse into what is on offer in places such as Muskoka, and where we stack up in terms of number of listings, quality of listings and pricing.

It's important to note that the show isn't

just about real estate, either.

Of the 600 or so exhibitors, other local businesses will be showcasing boats and docks. There'll be builders, contractors, those selling innovative building products and providing green solutions, vendors of decor and style, arts and crafts, food and entertaining, water toys and more.

So, the next four days are important for the local businesses who have rented a booth at the show. They're also important for the rest of us. The seasonal cottage industry continues to be the piston in Haliburton County's engine. If it doesn't fire, the rest of us don't fire either.

So ... happy first day of spring and wishing all a crowded and successful Spring Cottage Life Show.



By Lisa Gervais

All quiet on the Western Front

Four years ago, the Minden Hills municipal political scene was awash in activity. It was perhaps one of the most contentious races in the county. Many candidates had filed their nomination papers early and they started to stake out positions on various issues. Active campaigning, making speeches and putting out signs would have to wait until later in the year, but candidates could raise money for their campaigns and could be out on the street talking with the voters.

During the election cycle, I managed a popular website that posed a question every two weeks to registered candidates, giving those who were out early a chance to raise their profiles, deal with issues of the day and give the public a chance to start to determine where the hopefuls stood on a variety of issues.

Contrast that with the eerie stillness that surrounds us at the moment. It is so quiet that some people may not even be aware this is a municipal election year. Of course, the distractions of the daily political barrage from south of the border and the pending provincial election (opening with the convolutions of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party and its never-ending drama of the leadership race and the surprise Liberal prorogement and throne speech) would likely have drowned out any

municipal politician looking for attention.

The relative quiet on the local scene is also a reflection of changes in the schedule. The province, which manages the intricacies of municipal politics in Ontario, has moved the date for filing of nomination papers back from the first of the year to May 1 with the closing date being July 27. Those interested in running also likely appreciate the reprieve. Ten months is a long time to maintain campaign momentum and a longer campaign period wore the candidates as well as the electorate down. It seemed we were caught in the never-ending election cycle similar to the one that grips the United States, only played out with much less hoopla.

That said, this is a municipal election year and on October 22 we'll have an opportunity to select mayors and councilors for the four municipalities in Haliburton County.

In addition to overseeing their individual municipalities, you know, managing the roads, planning, health and safety of their citizens, the mayors and their deputies will also serve as councilors at the county council table, where among other responsibilities they will be managing roads, planning, health and safety of the county's citizens. One of them will also

be selected (actually 'elected' by the eight councilors) as the warden with a deputy also named.

This appears to be an appropriate time to ask: do we need five elected bodies to oversee what in many cases are similar responsibilities? At the moment, the taxpayers of Haliburton County are paying for 24 elected officials. While I don't think saving money in reducing that number is the least of the reasons this question needs to be considered, I can't help but wonder: could all municipal responsibilities across the county be handled by a single elected body and municipal administration?

I am not the first to ask the question. In fact, it has been broached for decades and, while some in the political sphere have toyed with the idea, no one, as they say, has grabbed the ball and run with it. Perhaps this is the year we'll see someone make the concept part of their platform and during the next four year term, attempt to consolidate the county's municipal administration into a single tier.



By Jack Brezina

New faces: We've got some new faces at *The Highlander*. Lyelca Rodrigues, right, is filling in for Heather Schmidt, who is on maternity leave with new baby boy, Gordon. At centre is the new member of our sales team, Eric Cyr. And, at far right, is James Goodliff, who is helping us with our production.



Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the sledding season?*



Susan Thomas

Carnarvon

A lot of people aren't going to buy the snowmobile pass next year.



Kory Gill

Haliburton

It sucked. I rode about 20 kilometres and paid for a permit, insurance, fuel and license. But I'll do it again next year.



Kobus Le Roux

Timmins

I haven't been on a Ski-Doo for even one day in my life.



Ken Kreller

West Guilford

It wasn't a very good season. Next year I'll seriously think about not buying a season pass, maybe just day passes.



Jack Snell

Minden

I don't sled anymore. It just became too expensive.

Photos and interviews by Lisa Gervais

Letters

A thank you to Minden

Dear editor,

On behalf of our families and our friends who have Angelman Syndrome around the world, and the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST), we would like to wrap everyone in a giant squishy hug for their support, friendship, enthusiasm, and kindness over the past five years that we have been organizing Catch the Cure for our children and the community. This past Catch the Cure was our last, and what a way to end – with more than \$15,000 raised in a day. It has been an amazing five years of support - so much fun, and such a team effort.

It has been an incredibly uplifting experience for us to see the village of Minden come together with such pride and grace. Catch the Cure, since 2013, was supposed to be just a small little event. Instead, it has raised more than \$80,000 for

FAST research, and more than that it has filled our hearts to see friends, neighbours and strangers learning about Angelman Syndrome and helping to lift our families up while having such a good time together. It has taken a village, but we've got just the village to do it.

We are filled with excitement (and at least a little disbelief) that this event has been so beloved and strong over the past five years. We are indescribably moved and grateful to every last sponsor, volunteer and participant for such devoted help and will always carry strength because of you. We continue to look forward to the best of futures for our children and our families ... and maybe to a little sleep.

From the very bottom of our hearts, thank you, Minden.

The McCutcheons and the Tiffins

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



John Gibb of Minden sent us this photo, entitled 'floating above the Gull winter mirror' while out for a paddle recently. Gibb paddles year-round.

Charles Darwin and the Origin of the Sport

Have you ever burst out laughing at something funny, only to then stifle your mirth, and jerk your head in each direction to check that no one heard or saw you, because the thing that had you in hysterics was a thing that almost everyone you know would be horrified at? You know, the kind of side busting humour that could be a small child running headlong into a lamp post or, grandma sitting down and missing her chair. Or worse. I had one of those worse moments just the other day, but thankfully I was alone driving in my truck.

There I was, pootling along, taking the garbage to the landfill, listening to the marvelous Mr. Michael Enright on Sunday Edition on the CBC. It was a rerun of an old program and he began his introduction

to the next guest by asking us listeners, "where do you think hockey was invented?"

Now, without wishing 90 per cent of you to stop reading here, I have to admit I'm not much of a hockey fan. I think my eyes (and perhaps my mind) move too slow for the sport. I can't follow the puck. I'm more of a cricket man, but that's an aside.

"Where do you think hockey was invented?" he asked again and my interest began to wane but only for a moment because his guest, a Jean-Patrice Martel, answered very matter of factly, "England."

It's a good job that I wasn't taking a sip of my double double at that moment because half of it would have been sprayed across the windshield. I'd have choked on the other half and probably swerved into a ditch

while having a coughing fit. As it was, all I did was burst out laughing. And, then, just for a moment, I panicked, in case I'd been caught in the act of openly mocking hockey here in its heartland.

This past president of the Society for International Hockey Research had uttered words so incredulous, so sacrilegious that if he ever visited Haliburton County, I'd bet he'd be chased out by an angry mob wielding pitchforks and fiery torches!

But, oh how I laughed. It seems that jolly old Charles Darwin and chums were knocking around the bung from a beer keg on the frozen River Thames before much of Canada had even been settled. And, to make it worse (or funnier, depending upon your wish to be run out of town), Mr.

Martel went on to say that certain aspects of the game evolved from the older English game of soccer. You know, that one where the players fall over squealing at the merest hint of rough play.

Are you still reading? Are you smirking with me, or are you frothing at the mouth while trying to Google my address? If you are the latter, I apologize, and if I can make it better I should add that Mr. Martel did say that the modern form of the game evolved in Canada ... In Montreal, part of the country that doesn't even want to be Canadian!

Bahahahahahaha! Oops, sorry. Er, go Leafs?



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander news

Window rebates of up to \$5,000? *That sounds too good to be true!*

“That’s a typical reaction we get from those who hear about the new Green Ontario Fund rebate program for the first time, and with good reason”, says Wayne McNelly, General Manager of Nortech Windows.

“This government fund goes far beyond any previous renovation programs offering rebates for windows by offering substantially more money to homeowners.”

The mandate of the “GreenON” fund is to reduce greenhouse gases by offering incentive programs to encourage homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

“This is very good news for anyone considering an upgrade to their windows at this time,” says Wayne.

The plan is very simple. The fund provides \$500.00 per window opening up to a maximum of \$5000.00. Earlier programs only offered \$80.00 per opening.

Homeowners need to meet only a few conditions to be eligible for the rebate, according to Wayne.

The replacement windows must be included on the Energy Star Most Efficient 2018 List. These high-performance windows feature very low heat transfer and are rated for Zone 3, which covers all of Canada.

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The windows must be installed by a contractor registered in the program who holds a Window Wise Certification and is a member of the Siding and Window Dealers Association of Canada, which sets training, quality, financial and ethical standards and audits for its members.

“That’s basically it,” says Wayne. “Very simple. The contractor submits the required paperwork to the government on behalf of the homeowner.”

“The high performance windows will cost a little more, however, the cost is usually more than offset by the rebates. It’s our experience at Nortech that people are paying thousands of dollars less for the higher efficiency windows than they would have paid for regular dual-pane windows without the program.”

An added bonus is that participants will continue to save more on energy costs year after year as well, says Wayne.

“It seems to me to be a win-win situation. Its better for the environment, and it’s better for the pocketbook.”

Wayne does have a word of caution.

“The program is slated to be around for 2018 and 2019.

However, the funds are limited, so when they run out, it will be over.”

Nortech is already experiencing considerable interest in the program.

“People are signing up even in the middle of winter,” says Wayne. “I think it’s going to be a very busy year. My advice would be that if you’re thinking of taking advantage of the program, it’s probably best to do it sooner rather than later.”

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Lapidary tools could be revived by Highlands East

By Mark Arike

Unused lapidary equipment owned by Algonquin Highlands (AH) may end up in Highlands East.

Local mineral photographer Michael Bainbridge recently approached council to see if the municipality would be interested in taking the equipment, which was used in the Frost Centre’s heyday.

The Stanhope Museum committee recently decided to give up the equipment, confirmed AH Mayor Carol Moffatt.

A rock saw, diamond saws, grinding wheels and other polishing equipment are currently stored at Algonquin Highlands’ township office.

It must be repaired before it can be used to cut and polish stone, said Bainbridge.

As for storage, Bainbridge said it could require a space as large as a two-car garage.

The equipment will need regular maintenance, but he said those costs could be covered by charging user fees for lapidary workshops.

Supervision would be required.

Bainbridge pointed out it would be “prohibitively expensive” if anyone in the county wanted to purchase new equipment for the same purpose.

“There is a great interest from the

community and various organizations to keep that equipment within the community.”

But Bainbridge said he wants it to be used instead of merely taking up space at its new home.

If no one wants it, he will facilitate a donation to a lapidary club elsewhere.

“It’s a big commitment,” said Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge, referring to accepting the equipment.

She asked Bainbridge if there’s enough interest in the community for it.

He said ideally it would be used by people from Highlands East, Bancroft and throughout the county.

“The whole idea of mineral tourism is that we’re bringing people to the municipality from outside, to enjoy this aspect of the outdoors,” he said.

“With the lapidary equipment, it’s an additional experience for people to have while they’re here.”

Bainbridge added the equipment would likely appeal to local experiential tourism providers and jewellery students at the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

Municipal staff will look into available space for the equipment and report back to council.



Michael Bainbridge, a local mineral photographer, tells Highlands East council about an opportunity to obtain lapidary equipment. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Fowler gets turn lane job

Fowler Construction will be paid about \$97,000 to widen County Road 21 and create a left turn lane in front of the future home of Walkers Home Hardware.

County council passed a recommendation on March 21 to hire the company after it submitted the lowest of three bids.

During a March 14 roads committee meeting, public works director Craig Douglas presented bids from Fowler, Royel Paving and Hawk River. The other two were \$155,000 and \$179,000, respectively. The cost will be shared almost equally by Home Hardware and the county. "A site plan agreement including a requirement for the developer to partially fund the project are in place," said Douglas in a report.

He said the low bid was "reviewed for completeness, accuracy and meets county specifications," and that it's "comparable to staff estimates." Construction is expected to begin in early May and must be finished June 27.

The budget for the work is \$101,700, which includes a development charge. Both lanes of the road will remain open during construction.

The County of Haliburton and Home Hardware proponents Jerry Walker and Jamie Chisholm reached a recent agreement to co-fund the turning lane. Walker told the Highlander he's contributing \$52,000 to the turn lane. The county has set aside \$50,000. Work is expected to begin this spring. Walker and his wife, Dale, purchased the local Home Hardware business from Raymond Langdon in June 2014. The current store is located on Maple Avenue. The new building will be 16,000 sq. ft. on a 4.5 acre property. There will also be a garden centre.

(Mark Arike)

Public can see official plan amendments

An open house and public meeting have been scheduled to enable public review and comment on the latest draft of the Algonquin Highlands Official Plan.

The open house will take place on July 14 at 10 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St. in Dorset. AH consultant Planscape will present the proposed plan changes at the event.

The public meeting will be held during the Aug. 16 regular council meeting, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the council chambers at 1123 North Shore Road.

AH staff wages rise

Algonquin Highlands council approved revised wage increases for staff at its Mar. 15 regular council meeting.

The revisions address the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017, said Mayor Carol Moffatt in a Mar. 16 interview. They include adjustments to reflect the new Ontario minimum wage of \$14 per hour as of Jan. 1, and related adjustments to supervisory wages, according to Moffatt.

Proposed changes to septic lagoon

A consultant's report for the McClintock septage lagoon says while 2017 groundwater tests indicate some impacts from the lagoon at the site, overall it's in compliance with performance objectives.

Cambium Inc. recommended the lagoon monitoring program for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) be continued in 2018, but that it be reduced to one well, once per year, because VOC parameters were not detected at any of the other monitoring wells.

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Mayor Carol Moffatt said in a March 16 interview that councillors are concerned the new septic reinspection program can result in increased use of the lagoon, and so it may be wise to leave the current monitoring program in place.

Cambium's report was slated for submission to the province. Moffatt said staff would check with Cambium to see if the report had already been submitted, but that the township can choose to retain the current monitoring program regardless.

Extra fee for septic reinspection

The consultant hired by AH to administer its new septic reinspection program is proposing an extra fee based on the provision for property owners to hire a third-party inspector instead of using the consultant.

According to AH staff, WSP Canada has noted that it will need to ensure third-party inspectors have the appropriate credentials, review their reports, transcribe the data into the WSP system, and follow up with those inspectors as necessary. WSP will also have done initial project work in each case prior to the third-party inspection.

WSP proposes a fee of \$144.50 per property, payable by the property owner if WSP has already approached the owner to

schedule an inspection.

AH council has directed staff to review the proposed fee with WSP and report back to the April 5 regular council meeting.

Speed limit may go down on Hwy 60

The speed limit on Highway 60 in Oxtongue Lake may be reduced this year to 70 km from 80 km.

AH staff confirmed in a Mar. 19 interview that the new reduced zone would affect both westbound and eastbound traffic for 1,800 metres west and 100 metres east of Blue Spruce Road.

According to a letter to AH from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), MTO staff reviewed the existing speed zones following receipt of a local resident's request for the reduction. The speed zone change is subject to the minister's approval.

Every autumn, the Oxtongue Lake area experiences extensive traffic delays due to the influx of visitors to nearby Algonquin Park for the fall colours season. The township passed a bylaw in 2017 to restrict parking and traffic at specific times during this season on Oxtongue Lake Road, Blue Spruce Road, Algonquin Outfitters Road, Harris Road and Tom Paris Road.

(AH briefs compiled by Lisa Harrison)

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Spring Melt Reminder

Springtime is typically the time of year when periods of precipitation historically occur. Property owners are reminded to be aware of and monitor their situation, as each can vary depending on: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels; and the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca



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Do you see what I see?

Artists in Carole Finn’s winter painting classes began exhibiting their works this past Saturday, March 17 at her centre at 15 Newcastle St. The student exhibition is entitled, Do you see what I see? It features 16 pieces. The exhibition is continuing until March 28. The centre is open daily from 1-4 p.m.

Marguerite Easby, president of the Rails End Gallery, checks out the student exhibition with artists: Dagmar Boettcher, Deborah J. Reed and Dianne McCarthy. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

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Kids make reptile friends

Families got up close and personal with snakes and turtles during the annual Reptile Road Show at the Haliburton fish hatchery. About 80 people attended the sold-out event last Saturday. Jeff Hathaway, founder of Scales Nature Park in Oro-Medonte, and volunteer Christina Borring-Olsen brought five snakes and two turtles for a show-and-tell style presentation. Then, children had the chance to hold some of the snakes. The event was presented by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and partially funded by TD Friends of the Environment. (Mark Arike)

Top left: Jeff Hathaway, founder of Scales Nature Park, carefully holds a snapping turtle. Top right: Hathaway gives kids a chance to hold snakes after his presentation. Right: Hathaway with a rat snake around his neck. Bottom right: A young boy holds a corn snake, an exotic species in Canada. Photos by Mark Arike.



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HHHS takes precautions during outbreak in Lindsay

By Mark Arike

Local hospital staff were on high alert during the recent Norovirus outbreak at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. The gastro illness made six patients and more than a dozen health care providers ill during the first week of March.

Neither Haliburton or Minden hospital was able to confirm if anyone from Haliburton County was affected, due to confidentiality. But, a representative for Ross Memorial said no one would have been turned away from the emergency department if they needed help.

Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), outlined the protocol staff follow in these situations.

“When an outbreak does occur at another regional facility, then we do have a number of additional precautions to help keep our patients safe,” said Plummer in an

interview.

First, physicians and staff are notified so they can take the necessary steps to keep patients safe. A patient will be provided personal protective equipment, such as masks and gowns, if they must be sent to a hospital with an outbreak, even though they won’t be in direct contact with an affected area.

“If a patient care unit has an outbreak, they do not admit new patients to that unit during the outbreak,” pointed out Plummer.

EMS personnel would be advised of an outbreak when transferring a patient to that facility. HHHS staff who work at multiple organizations wouldn’t be allowed to work elsewhere if their unit is affected, until the outbreak ends. If they are employed by the outbreak unit but haven’t worked any shifts during the outbreak, they can choose to work elsewhere except on the unit with the outbreak until it’s over.

“This is actually a requirement of the public health department,” she said.

Hospital and long-term care facilities in the county are equipped with multiple handwashing stations and there is “ongoing regular education and training for staff” in infection prevention and control. HHHS has an infection prevention and control nurse on its team.

There’s never been a Norovirus outbreak at the Haliburton or Minden hospitals; however, there was one at Hyland Crest, Minden’s long-term care facility, last April. Staff and residents were affected, said Plummer.

During Ross Memorial’s outbreak, they requested HHHS refer patients in need of a transfer to Peterborough Regional Health Centre “until capacity problems were resolved,” said Kim Coulter, coordinator of employee and community relations. Patients from the county are generally sent to Ross



Carolyn Plummer CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. *File photo*

Memorial to access services that aren’t available locally.

The outbreak was declared over at the end of last week.

County ambulances to have flashing blue lights

By Mark Arike

In the future, ambulances in the county will have blue and red flashing emergency lights instead of red and white lights. This will add an extra \$326 to the cost of a new ambulance currently being built for Haliburton County Paramedic Services (HCPS).

“There is evidence that the blue lights

are more easily identified and provide an increased level of safety for the public and staff,” said Tim Waite, chief and director of HCPS. “We are only adding the blue lighting to new ambulances as we purchase them.”

In a report, Waite said the Highway Traffic Act has been amended to accommodate the change. The lights will be similar to police

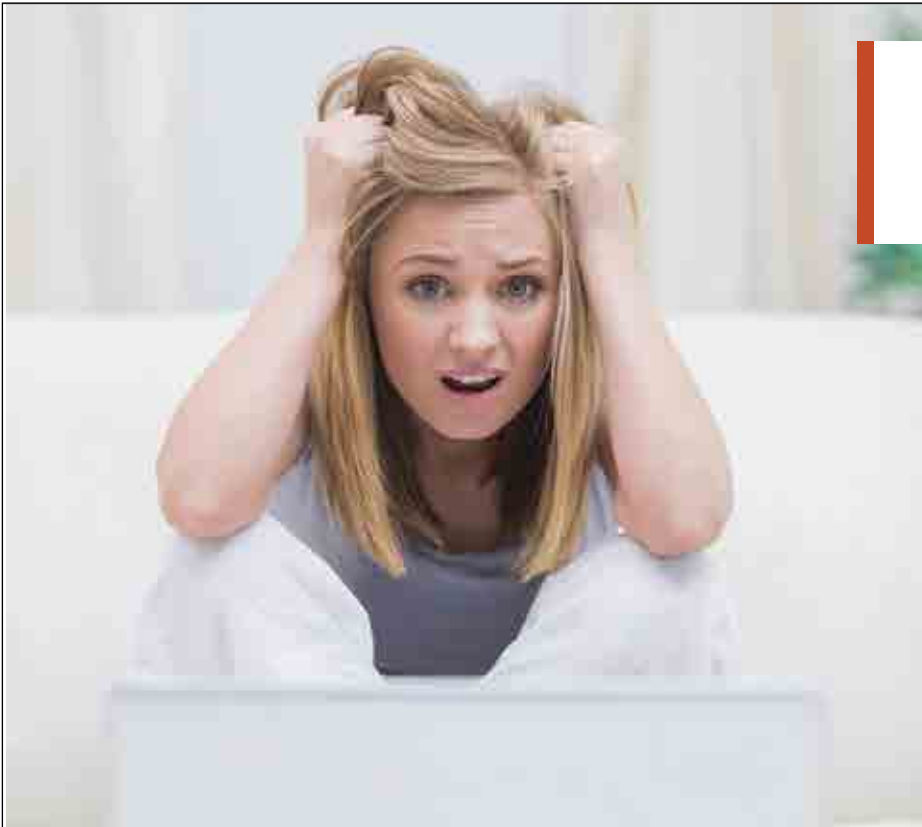
cars, which also use blue and red lights, according to his report. They also create less glare for the driver, especially when fog or snow is present.

“Other evidence shows an increased safety factor for stationary vehicles with emergency lighting engaged,” he said.

The county’s ambulances typically last five years. Waite said making the change

now will save money, since a retrofit is more expensive. Other communities making the switch are: Lennox and Addington, Northumberland, Middlesex, Rainy River, Algoma, Lanark, Nipissing and Timiskaming.

Waite’s recent report to the emergency services committee was reviewed by council on Wednesday.



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Minden's Ron Nesbitt holds two certificates he recently received from the Universal Martial Arts Association. At left is a certificate of Dojo Charter, which means he is licensed to teach at the new Nesbitt Karate and Fitness Centre, being built on

Bobcaygeon Road. The other is an official appointment as a national director for Canada, which means he can now certify instructors and centres across the nation.

Photo by Lisa Gervais



Top: The winning team from Minden, from right to left, second Kim Burk, vice Janice Cook, skip Mary Copeland, lead Lisa Ross, and Kirsten Campbell presenting the trophy. Bottom: Sixth place went to the Minden team of Ruby Wilkes, Heather Taylor, Suzzie Landry and Barb Maybury. *Photo submitted.*



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Sweeping into spring

This past weekend, the Minden Curling Club hosted its 38th annual Sweep into Spring Ladies Bonspiel.

Sixteen teams from Port Perry, Huntsville, Ajax, King, Guelph, Dundas and Minden took part in the two-day event with top honours and the Ommmh Beauty Boutique Trophy going to the team skipped by Mary

Copeland from Minden, with Janice Cook, Kim Burk and Lisa Ross.

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Pickleballers at a past Ontario 55+ summer games. Photo submitted by Mary Johnson.

Time to register for senior games

By Lisa Gervais

With the Ontario 55+ summer games just around the corner, district 11, which comprises Haliburton and Muskoka, is looking for both participants and volunteers.

This year's games are being held from May 3-June 21. "These events are organized for those who are wishing to remain active, have opportunities to socialize, meet new people and establish new relationships," spokeswoman Bev Kerr said.

In 2017, more than 350 seniors from the local district participated.

There are a variety of events suited for almost everyone, including bid euchre, bocce, five-pin bowling, duplicate and contract bridge, carpet bowling, cribbage, crokinole, euchre, golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis and prediction walking.

Along with taking part, the local chapter is encouraging people to volunteer.

"For example, we need timers for the prediction walk. Participants predict how long it will take to walk 1.6 or 3 kms. The volunteer times the walker.

The participant that predicted the closest time wins," Kerr said.

If you're interested in competing, the deadline to register is April 16. The registration fee is \$17. This allows you to enter one, or all 13, events in the district.

There are additional fees for bowling, golf and pickleball.

"It's a lot of fun and a nice social gettogether. A lot of participants come back year after year. We welcome more players to join us," Kerr said.

To learn more about participating, or volunteering, you can find the OSGA District #11 Haliburton/Muskoka Summer Games 2018 district registration forms at local legions, the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre, Pinestone Golf Course, 2-1 Pizza Haliburton, or the OSGA website under District #11.

You can also contact Mary Johnson 705-754-1884 or Doug McIntosh 705 489-3850.

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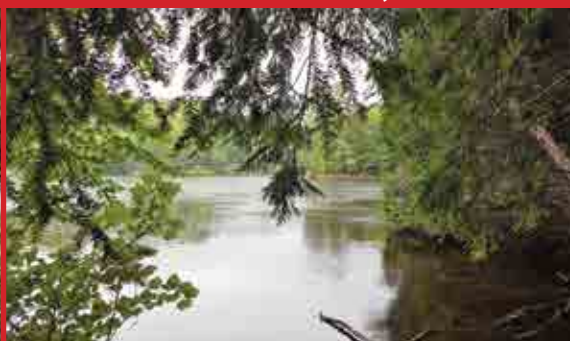
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Highland Storm



The Highland Storm Midgets won both weekend games against the Dunnville Mudcats. The series resumes Saturday in Haliburton. Photo by Mark Arike.

Midgets take first two games of OMHA playoffs

Teams do battle in Haliburton Saturday at the A.J. LaRue Arena

By Suzanne Haedicke

The Highland Storm Midgets will host the Dunnville Mudcats at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton Saturday (March 24), hoping to sweep the Ontario Minor Hockey Association series.

The rink is expected to be packed to the rafters again - after a full house watched the Storm take the opening game of the series last Saturday, March 17, by a score of 6-3.

The Storm went on to win the next day

in Dunnville, a 2-0 shutout victory, giving them a two games to none stranglehold on the series.

The team is sponsored by *The Highlander* and Smolen Family Dentistry.

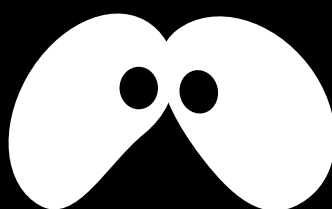
The third year, first line, steered by team

captain, Owen Patterson-Smith rose to the challenge. They constantly shook the Mudcats in game one. Patterson-Smith nabbed a hat-trick and two assists, while linemates, Owen Smith and Josh Boice had a goal and an assist each.

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Highland Storm



Team captain, Owen Patterson-Smith, fends off a Dunnville Mudcat. *Photo by Mark Arike.*



A Storm player gathers with his coaches. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

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The midgets took the first period to warm up Saturday. It was a tight start, with lots of back and forth, extremely aggressive action. The adrenaline increased and the scoring began in the second period when the Storm took a 2-0 lead. The Mudcats closed the gap to 2-1 with a power play goal to end the second.

Early in the third period, Jacob Haedicke fed Patterson-Smith, and he easily slipped it in for the Storm's third goal. The Mudcats got lucky and surprised the Storm with a shorthanded goal, making it a 3-2 game. However, the Storm turned up the heat with two quick goals. The magic trio of Patterson Smith, Smith and Boice patiently played around the net and Boice found the right time to make it a 4-2 game. Shortly after, Lucas Haedicke dangled in and by the net, made a quick pass to Gilbert, and he sniped it in.

Late in the third period, the Mudcats pulled their goalie during a power play and scored to make it 5-3. Both teams continued to push but Storm goalie Parker Smolen was outstanding in net and made countless saves.

Patterson-Smith got his hat-trick to finish things off, 6-3, with an open-netter.

The next day, Sunday, March 18, the midgets travelled to Dunnville for game two.

It was an exciting, fast-paced start with a scoreless first period.

The action picked up in the second period with both teams working hard to score. Late in the period, it was the Storm's magic trio that worked the puck around the net, with give-and-go action from Patterson-Smith and Smith to find Boice. His keen eye found the opening for the first goal.

The end-to-end battle continued well into the third period. With a minute left, it was time for the Mudcats to pull their goalie, hoping for a late goal to tie the game. But, Patterson-Smith intercepted the puck, headed towards the empty net and successfully secured the win, with a goal to make the final 2-0 Storm.

The wins give the Storm a 4-0 points lead in the best of five series with a chance of eliminating Dunnville Saturday.

A lot of the players on the midget team also went far in the OMHA playoffs as bantams in 2014.

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Highland sports

Students and officers connecting on the ice

A boisterous crowd of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students cheered on their peers in a hockey game against local police officers. It was a high-scoring game that finished in an 11-11 tie between the Grade 8 students and the OPP.

But winning wasn't the focus of this annual event, held at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The purpose is to show students that officers are friendly and part of the community, just like them. After the first period, Grade 4 French teacher Ben Loucks was pied in the face as part of a week-long fundraiser at the school.

Students raised about \$300 for various local initiatives. Other hockey games with students were held in Wilberforce in February and Minden earlier this month. (Mark Arike)



The team (in no particular order) included Anna Wheeler, Isaac McLeish Lafleur, Kieran Hutchinson, Ben Wheeler, Ezra Hill, Logan Baird, Kate Hutchinson, Reece Ralph and coach Victoria Fenninger. (Photo submitted by Fenninger Racing Ski Cross Team).

Sir Sam's Fenninger Racing Ski Cross Team dominates

The Ski Cross season has ended on a high note for racers from Fenninger Racing, based out of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

At the Ontario Cup Provincial Championships, held at Beaver Valley Ski Club recently, several racers found the top of the podium. Local, Logan Baird won gold for the U14 men, and cottagers Reece Ralph and Ben Wheeler won gold in the Open Men and U12 men's category, respectively. The season continues for Ralph, who travels to Red Mountain, BC for nationals this weekend.

The season got underway in mid-January with the first O-Cup races being held at Sir Sam's, continuing on to Craigleith Ski Club and Horseshoe Resort, before the final race at Beaver Valley.

Throughout the season, Fenninger racers dominated the O-Cup series, landing on the podium at every event. Fenninger Racing is based out of Sir Sam's and coached by Victoria Fenninger. The ski team consists of local cottagers and residents, all members at Sir Sam's, who train and race at the local hill.



First, second and a third

Three skaters from the Minden Skating Club recently competed in a skating competition in Baysville, all coming home with medals. From left to right, Melanie Walter (Star 5, Under 13; second), Madison Allaire (Star 4, Over 13; first) and Abby Rosik (Star 5, Under 13; third). Photo submitted.

Chamber awards



A star-studded night

Above: Winners of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce pose for a photograph after the gala awards dinner on Saturday night at the Pinestone. Left: Kathy Stouffer, owner of Master's Bookstore, left, accepts the Customer First (Business) award from Donna Enright. Photos by Mark Arike.



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Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 12pm.
 The cost to register is \$31.30 before
 April 15 and \$41.60 after April 15.

****Important****

Bring Your Health Card
 Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches
 and Student Coaches needed

Please call 705-766-9968 for more
 information www.algonquinhighlands.ca



Help wanted



Algonquin outfitters is looking for outdoor enthusiasts to join our team. We are looking for individuals who possess a passion for adventure, exceptional customer service skills, personal integrity, technical knowledge of sports equipment and our local area. The following seasonal and permanent positions are now available:

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Rental Staff | Kayak Instructor |**

For more information on our job postings please visit:
<http://www.algonquinoutfitters.com/jobs-careers>

To apply for position on our team please submit your cover letter and resume with references to
randyp@algonquinoutfitters.com and
please CC jobs@algonquinoutfitters.com



Haliburton Post Office is currently
seeking tenders for a Grounds
Maintenance Contract for
May 1 2018 to Oct 31 2018

Submission cut-off date :
April 5, 2018

For more information please call
705-457-1451

MARINA HELP WANTED

Big Hawk Lake Marina

University student or seasonal full-time
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We are looking for a reliable, hard-
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operator card.

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Municipality of Dysart et al
In the Heart of the Haliburton Highlands

TENDER NO. AC4-4106

**REHABILITATION OF THE OBLONG NARROWS BRIDGE (FORT
IRWIN, TOWNSHIP OF DYSART et al.)**

Tenders will be received by The Municipality of Dysart et al, Tendering
Committee, until **3:00PM, LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, April 5th, 2018.**

Type of Work: Bridge superstructure removal and replacement. Includes
existing concrete-timber composite bridge deck and curbs
removal, timber abutment walls replacement, supply and
installation of new concrete-timber composite bridge deck
and curbs. New galvanized steel three tube railing system,
approach slabs, gabion retaining walls and guide rail.

Bidders may register and tender documents may be obtained from www.Bidding.com. Alternate delivery may be arranged by contacting D.M. Wills
Associates at (705) 742-2297.

Tenders will be opened publicly at 3:15PM, Local Time, Thursday, April
5th, 2018 at the Municipality Administration Building, 135 Maple Ave.,
Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Owner

The Municipality of Dysart et al.
135 Maple Avenue Drive
Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0
(705) 457 1740 (telephone)
(705) 457 1964 (fax)

Technical inquires

D.M Wills Associates Limited
150 Jameson Drive
Peterborough, ontario
K9J 0B9
(705) 742 2297 (telephone)
(705) 741 3568 (fax)



Labour Position

- Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton
County for over 80 years is looking for general
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construction.
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based
out of Carnarvon.
- Training provided. Monday to Friday work
schedule.
- Starts immediately.
- High school diploma an asset but not required.
- Candidates must be over 18 years old and hold
valid G2 driver's license.
- Candidates must be physically fit for outdoor
work. Knowledge of power equipment an asset

Contact us by email
excavate@thomascontracting.on.ca
or Fax 705-489-1887 or drop in
15561 HWY 35, Algonquin Highlands, ON



Equipment Operator

- Francis Thomas Contracting, serving Haliburton
County for over 80 years is looking for Equipment
Operator.
- Full time permanent position.
- Medical benefit and pension opportunities. Outdoor
construction
- Working in the Haliburton County area, based out
of Carnarvon.
- Monday to Friday work schedule.
- Starts spring 2018.
- High school diploma an asset but not required.
- Minimum 3 yrs. experience operating construction
equipment Valid G driver's license required.
- Candidates must be physically fit for outdoor work
- Strong communication skills an asset.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Recreation Coordinator – Temporary Full-Time (6 month contract)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications
from experienced, qualified persons for the temporary full-time
position of Recreation Coordinator. This position will act as a fill-in
for a temporary leave on a 6 month contract. Under the direction
of the Manager of Parks, Recreation and Trails the Recreation
Coordinator is responsible for developing, implementing,
overseeing, evaluating and promoting all sport, recreation, healthy
active living, leisure programs and special events for all ages and
abilities, as well as for the supervision of the staff associated with
the related recreation facilities and programming throughout the
Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Wage: \$26.64/hr

Hours of Work: 40hrs/wk. Typically 9am-5pm Mon-Fri with
occasional evenings and weekends as required.

Term: 6 month contract starting immediately.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is an equal opportunity
employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered
will be used solely for the purpose of job selection. We thank all
applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be
contacted.

Visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca to see a detailed job description.
Please submit your resume and cover letter by

3:00 pm on Monday March 19, 2018 to:

Chris Card, Parks, Recreation and Trails Department Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Email: ccard@algonquinhighlands.ca



Employment Opportunity Temporary Full-Time MAINTENANCE WORKER (Approximately 6 months)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a Temporary
full-time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard) with equipment
and minor building repair experience to assist with all aspects of
municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

This position is from April to September with a possibility of it
being extended.

The successful applicant must have a clean driver's abstract
along with a proven ability to operate equipment such as
lawnmowers, weed eaters, lawn tractors, chainsaw, snowblower
etc. Certification in WHMIS and chainsaw is preferred.
Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer
service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have
a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and
with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work
outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.
A detailed job description is available online at www.algonquinhighlands.ca
or upon request.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands offers a friendly and
busy work environment. Interested parties are invited to submit
their résumé to the address below no later than **3:00 p.m. on
Wednesday April 4, 2018.**

Township of Algonquin Highlands.
1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1
ATT: Mr. Brian Nicholson - Interim Operations Manager
Email: bnicholson@algonquinhighlands.ca

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an
interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and
will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment.



Employment Opportunity 1 SEASONAL OPERATOR- Stanhope Yard (Approximately 6 months) May through October

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for 1 Seasonal
Operator with heavy equipment experience to assist with all
aspects of municipal road maintenance and construction. The ideal
candidate will be physically fit as manual labour is an important part
of the job.

The successful applicant must have a Class DZ drivers licence
(AZ preferred) with a clean driving abstract along with a proven
ability to operate heavy equipment such as motor grader, tandem
dump with plow/sander and loader/backhoe. Certification in Traffic
Control, WHMIS and Chainsaw is preferred.
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Help wanted

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin of Highlands in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources is hosting the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program in 2018.

(1) STEWARDSHIP YOUTH RANGER TEAM LEAD
Benefits: Per employment Standards Act
Term: Up to 12 weeks - approximately June 11 to August 31, 2018.
40 hours per week 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Schedule as assigned, some weekends and work on holidays as scheduled.
*** Mandatory training session, (location to be announced) June 25-27, 2018.

(4) STEWARDSHIP YOUTH RANGERS
Work Term: 40 hours per week - 8 weeks - Approximately July 2 to August 24, 2018.
*** Applicants must be between ages of 16 and 18.

Note: No staff housing is available for these positions.
The Township of Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department is seeking Youth Rangers and a Team Lead for their 2018 Stewardship Youth Ranger Program. The ranger crew will assist with the maintenance of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Algonquin Highlands Hiking Trails and Frost Centre Ski and Snowshoe Trails.

The Stewardship Youth Ranger Program provides youth with the opportunity to work outdoors, learn about environmental issues affecting the community and acquire the valuable skills and work experience needed to launch their future careers.

For full job descriptions and list of qualifications visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca for more information.

Please send a cover letter and résumé indicating which position you are applying for to the email listed below, indicate how your skills, knowledge and experience relate to the position.

Dylan Reynolds, Trails Department Supervisor
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
E: dreynolds@algonquinhighlands.ca

We thank all those who apply; however only applicants being considered for an interview will be contacted



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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has exciting opportunities available for energetic individuals to join the team!

REGISTERED NURSES & REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSES
(Acute Care/Emergency Department & Long-Term Care)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has contract (full-time and part-time) and casual opportunities for RNs and RPNs to join our healthcare team!


Opportunities are available for nurses to provide rural nursing at both the Minden and Haliburton Emergency Departments, which have an average 30,000 combined visits per year, and in the 14-bed inpatient unit. In addition, opportunities exist for nurses to provide holistic care to residents at Hyland Crest, a 62-bed facility in Minden, and in Haliburton at a 30-bed facility, Highland Wood.

As a member of the health care team, the RN and RPN has a unique role in promoting health, in preventing illness, and in helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience in an emergency or long-term care setting is preferred.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN
(Haliburton Emergency Department)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) also has a great opportunity for an Emergency Medicine Physician to provide patient care to a wonderful and appreciative community at the Haliburton site. The Haliburton Emergency Department is a busy rural community hospital which sees an average 15,000 visits per year. The successful applicant must be eligible for independent practice licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario with CCFP (EM) certification or CCFP with experience is preferred. In addition, the candidate must have ACLS and PALS certification. Emphasis will be placed on candidates with strong communication skills and experience working in rural environments. Family Medicine positions are also available within the community.

If you are interested in joining the HHHS team for any of the above positions, or would like more information on the opportunities, please contact:
Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
hr@hhhs.ca
Fax: 705-457-4609
www.hhhs.ca



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has several casual opportunities available for individuals to join the team!

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS
Hyland Crest & Highland Wood Long-Term Care
The Personal Support Workers in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood provide resident care in relation to activities of daily living, quality of life, environment management and continuous communication. The successful candidates must have completed a Personal Support Worker program which meets the requirements of the Long-Term Care Homes Act. (Job # 2018-04)

HOME SUPPORT WORKERS
Supportive Housing - Minden
In Supportive Housing, the Home Support Workers are responsible for performing basic homemaking, personal care and home management duties for clients. Experience providing personal support and home support in the community is required, PSW certification is an asset. (Job # 2018-07)

ACTIVATIONIST
Adult Day Program
Working in the Adult Day Program, the Activationist implements a planned program of social and recreational activities for the clients, and assists with providing personal care for clients such as assisting with meals, toileting and ambulating. A Personal Support Worker Certificate and experience working with older adults, persons with Alzheimer disease or dementia, and adults with physical disabilities is required. (Job # 2018-13)

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Human Resources, Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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hr@hhhs.ca | Fax: 705-457-4609 | www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation due to a disability. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

DRIVERS NEEDED for Hyland Taxi. G License for taxi is required. B, C or F License for 11 passenger van and bus. Call 705-457-9898.

DELIVERY HELP. - Valid driver's license mandatory. Job description includes Driving/deliveries, lifting furniture, light cleaning/organizing, etc. Please bring resumes in to Riverview Furniture at 92 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden ON.

FURNITURE CLEANER – 8 hrs a week. Please bring resumes in to Riverview Furniture, 92 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, ON.

FOOD SERVER required 20-30 hours per week. Must be 18 years of age or over, able to multi task, and work evenings and some weekends. Call 705-286-1818 or drop resume at Marks Restaurant in Minden.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Payroll Administrator who is capable of handling all aspects of payroll processing and reporting Contact Irene Merritt 705-457-1224.

Highlander classifieds

OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

John William Lynch

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, March 18, 2018, in his 68th year.

Much loved son of the late Russell and the late Dorothea (nee Oates). John is survived by his loving family: daughter Haley; son Jonathan and his wife Amber; grandchildren Jeralyn, Claire and Melcolm; and granddogs Tyson and Marley.

Cremation has taken place. A Private Family Service and Interment will be held at the Minden Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Highlander events



A taste of the wild

Servers at last Saturday night's (March 17) Wild Game Dinner prepare to feed the hungry hordes on St. Patrick's Day. Some of the offerings included venison, moose, bear, elk, boar and buffalo, as well as Arctic char. It was the 24th annual dinner for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA). The meal was accompanied by an auction. Money raised goes towards the HHOA's ongoing projects, and to operate the fish hatchery. (Walt Griffin)

Easter Weekend
 Saturday, March 31st - 9:00am - 2:00pm
 Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce

Maple Syrup Festival
Pancakes & Sausages
 with locally made pure maple syrup.

All you can eat
 Child (Under 10) \$3
 Adult \$6

FREE PUBLIC SKATING
 12pm - 2pm (across the arena)

Maple Syrup Display + Coloring
 contest, Flea Market & Crafts

Submit your best Baked Beans

Contact Kathy with questions, 705 448 1285



Lorri Roberts
BIRTHDAY BASH

Come join me to celebrate 60!
SATURDAY, MARCH 24.
 8:30 till close at
 the Bonnie View Inn.

Live Music from
"THE ROCKAHOLICS"

Hope To see you there.




Members of the Haliburton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, from left (back to front row): president Corinne Bailey, Cheryl James, Claire Obdam, Mary Hambly, Evelyn Brouse, Sharon Travis, Lorna Scheffe and Doreen DeGrave. Photo by Mark Arike.

Legion members and friends savour St. Patty's lunch

The Haliburton Legion was adorned with green decorations for the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day lunch hosted by the ladies' auxiliary. Several residents attended the March 16 event to fill their bellies with

homemade stew, coleslaw, dessert, tea and coffee. Auxiliary volunteers prepared and served the food. Proceeds will eventually be donated to a charity, said past president Cheryl James. (Mark Arike)

What's on

Splash into Spring at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike

By Jennifer Hughey

It's beginning to look like the Highlands is transitioning from winter to spring.

And that means Sir Sam's Ski & Bike is wrapping up another season and preparing for their annual Spring Splash – set to take place this Saturday (Mar. 24), starting at 2 p.m.

If you have never been, the event is known to draw people from all over to test their skills, or more importantly, their ability to stay dry after trying to cross “a super-sized puddle” at the bottom of one of the hill's run's, Cash Register.

General manager and co-owner, Chris Bishop told The Highlander that the event has been running for more than 30 years.

“We limit it to 70 participants,” Bishop said in an interview. “There are prizes for best costumes and biggest splash, and there's a rubber ducky fundraiser for ski patrol and the Canadian Association for Disable Skiing.”

Some brave souls not only attempt the

run, but also come clad in “creative and dazzling costumes,” according to the ski hill's website.

“While some will make it, others will not,” the website boasts, “which is more exciting for the raucous onlookers is a subject of great debate.”

Bishop agrees, it's just as much fun for spectators as it is for the participants.

“It's an exciting day for competitors and spectators alike,” he said, adding those who may be more content to watch can grab a beverage and watch from the chalet's sun deck.

For the thrill seekers interested in hopefully not taking the plunge, there is a \$10 entry fee due on registration at the Snow School Desk, and Bishop suggests those 70 spots go fast, so get there early.

There's also an Après Ski dinner and dance, featuring the Stephanie Gregg Band. Tickets are \$45 per person (19 and older) and should be purchased in advance.

For more info, visit sirsams.com.



Left: A skier pulls a friend. and, right: a participant clears the water in a past event. *File photos*



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest. 2018-19 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 21, 2018 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2018.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0 Phone:
705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.ca
Website: www.hhhs.ca

* this includes seasonal residents, i.e., summer cottagers / landowners

Easter Services

The Anglican Parish of Haliburton
A community following Jesus

Palm Sunday - March 25

9:30 am at St. George's, Haliburton
12:15 pm at St. Margaret's, Wilberforce

Maundy Thursday - March 29

7:30 pm at St. George's Haliburton

Good Friday - March 30

10:30 am Inspirational Music and
11 am Service at St. George's, Haliburton

Easter Sunday - April 1st

8:00 & 9:30 am at St. George's, Haliburton
11:15 am at St. Margaret's, Wilberforce

Please celebrate with us!



Winter Green

MAPLE SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN

WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN in Gelert Open all weekends 9 to 4 p.m. From March 3 to April 29 Celebrating 31 years in Business in the Haliburton Highlands. Early spring heralds the annual “sugaring off” in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our country's most traditional family activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall of our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, french toast, maple baked beans and our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, hot sauces and freshly canned preserves) are available in our retail area. Cheque or cash only. 2 p.m. At Sourdough Sam's cabin for a taste of “TREE JUICE” Call 286-3202 for more information. Order your 2018 syrup today. #3325 Gelert Road Coming Soon....Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase, Sat. June 16h, at Wintergreen Maple...call for more information.

What's on

MARCH & APRIL 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday March 22

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton, \$2/person.

1:30 p.m. – Haliburton County Historical Society presents a film on Railway Days in Haliburton County (part 2), at the Haliburton Museum.

6:30 – 8 p.m. – 100 Women Who Care spring meeting, at the Dominion Hotel, Minden. We raise money for local charities in our county, if you are a woman who cares, come out and see how it's done. It's awesome! Bring a friend.

Friday March 23

9 a.m. – Noon – Volunteer Income Tax Service, at the Haliburton Legion. Service runs each Friday until Apr. 20, 2018

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Coboconk Legion, chicken or liver & onions lunch, \$9, followed by country music jam 1 – 4 p.m., open mic and local talent. Food bank donations appreciated.

8 – 9 p.m. – Adult Broomball at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. Drop-in program, sticks will be provided. \$2/ person.

Saturday March 24

1 – 4 p.m. – U-Links Celebration of Research, Minden Hospital Auditorium. Research presentations, guest speakers, refreshments, and networking. For more information contact Sonja at smarx@ulinks.ca or 705-286-2411.

5 – 9 p.m. – Haliburton Lions Club Hoedown Dinner & Dance, at Haliburton Legion main hall. Tickets \$25/person, dinner at 6 p.m. Enjoy a

delicious dinner, music by Todd Nolan, cash bar, 50/50 draw, silent auction, door prizes and more. Tickets at Halco Electronics, Minden Haliburton Hearing Service, or call Lion Linda at 705-457-2064 or celtic.cross@sympatico.ca. Proceeds to support "Community Play Project", providing affordable after school recreation programs.

6:30 p.m. – Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club's annual Skating Carnival, at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce. Admission by donation.

7 p.m. – Norm Harris Memorial Euchre Tournament, at the Coboconk Legion Branch 519. \$5 per person, pot luck lunch, prizes.

Monday March 26

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Adult Day Program, at Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. HHHS Community Support Services provides this program to offer a wide range of social, physical and recreational activities designed to meet the needs of older adults, individuals with dementia/alzheimer's, and/or adults with physical disabilities. For more info contact jallen@hhhs.ca or 705-457-2941 x 3305

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Yoga at the Dorset Recreation Centre. \$10/person or pay what you can. Bring your own mat, towel, and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca, 705-766-9968

Tuesday March 27

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person.

Wednesday March 28

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Sexual Health Clinic, provided by the Haliburton branch of the Health

Unit. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing, sexual health teaching and testing and treatment for STD's. Call 1-866-888-4577 to make an appointment.

11 a.m. – 12:30 pm. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton, \$2/ person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden, \$2/person.

2 – 3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Income Tax Service, at the Wilberforce Legion. Service runs until Apr. 25, 2018

Thursday March 29

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden, \$2/person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton, \$2/person.

5 – 6 p.m. – Zumba at Dorset Recreation Centre. \$5/person. 705-766-9968 recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

Friday March 30

9 a.m. – Noon – Volunteer Income Tax Service, at the Haliburton Legion. Service runs each Friday until Apr. 20, 2018

9 a.m. – Good Friday service at Zion United Church in Carnarvon. "Come Mourn With Me Awhile". A meditative Good Friday service of scripture, anthems and hymns. All are welcome.

11:15 a.m. – Good Friday service at Haliburton United Church. "Come Mourn With Me Awhile". A meditative Good Friday service of scripture, anthems and hymns. All are welcome.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot -last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC.

Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month –9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts;

Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon.

Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Mar. 23 Community care lunch noon. Call Denice Butler 705-448-8865 to book. Everyone 55+ welcome. Pool 1:30 p.m. Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 24 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Mar. 26 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Mar. 28 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

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Point Lot Cottage - \$895,000



Amazing point lot cottage with a Viceroy cottage built in 2007. Almost 400' of water frontage on a 2-lake chain with excellent swimming and boating. The year-round cottage has cathedral ceilings, a prow front to enjoy the view, spacious kitchen/dining area, and a fabulous Haliburton Room. 3 bdrms plus space to create a fourth in the lower level with walkout.

1,350 ft. frontage – 100 acres on Bob Lake - \$499,000



A beautiful 100 acre property with complete privacy on Bob Lake. Pristine water, rock and sand shoreline, and a large level area to build your dream home or cottage. No neighbours to be found! Not many properties left like this on a lake – located in a quiet area away from boat traffic.

Family Home – In Town - \$399,000



A beautiful in-town home with 2,700 sq. ft. of living space. This quality built home has a gorgeous kitchen with granite countertops and all the cupboards you could ask for, a large livingroom with open ceiling from the 2nd floor, a large Master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, a huge rec room – even an above-ground pool. Check it out!

Beautiful Home/Cottage on 3-lake Chain - \$825,000



A gorgeous property with 650' frtge on both Benoir Lake and Fishtail Creek, 5.26 acres of wooded property and excellent privacy. The 2,076 sq. ft. home is quality-built with soaring livingroom ceilings, large dining area, 3 bdrms., 2 baths and so much more. Wait until you see the 2-bay oversized garage with loft above!

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